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THE FATE OF NATIONS!

EACH IN TURN HAVE THEIR INFANCY, YOUTH, MANHOOD,

And Old Age—Excellent Work of Prof. Langston in the Schools—A Healer in Our Midst—Royal Banquets—Death of a Centenarian.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

It seems to be fate of nations to have their infancy, youth, manhood and old age. Spain is in her dotage—once the greatest power on earth. England's turn comes next. Her corruptest people see it, as well as the few good ones that are left there. Her effort to stare off her fate is now in the direction of an alliance with this young and vigorous nation. Already the effect of her poison touch is felt in the East in the rise of a royalist party with Cleveland, whose name is so well suited to that race, at its head. If he is not a half-breed Jew, and thus akin by race to Rothschild, the Shylock of the world, whose Launcelot Gobbo he aspires to be, then his squat, fat figure, his nose, and his head going up to a point from all sides from an animal neck, do not speak truly.

The Gentlemen's Aid Club of the 1st Baptist church is doing good work, both financially and intellectually. J. D. Williams its presiding officer, is a wide awake young man, and has been successful in everything he undertakes.

Rev. F. W. Puryear, M. D., delivered a very interesting lecture at the First Baptist church last Monday evening, subject: "X Rays," and everyone expressed themselves as being well pleased. Dr. Puryear although having been only a few months in our midst, has gained by his gentlemanly and Christian deportment many warm friends; and if we only had about fifty more Puryear's among us St. Louis in the near future would become the model city of the Union.

We are pleased to note that Washington A. M. E. Zion church is now under better control than it has ever been, but there is yet room for improvement. It is very annoying to those interested in the sermon to have others running in and out of the church, and engaging in all kinds of conversation. People should respect the church of God, especially during divine worship, and a man like Dr. Puryear must certainly merit respect from those attending service. We trust that those guilty of this breach of etiquette will observe this, and be governed thereby.

The mid-winter class from L'Overture school passed a very creditable examination for the High school, and it was the same as that given to the whites for entrance to Central High. L'Overture will send another class in June. Those who passed were: Eva V. Williams, Mamie E. Gillespie, Elder Wadlington, M. C. Madison A. H. Shaw, Clara J. Meyers, Ophelia Garrett, M. B. Jenkins, Willie Ming and Gertrude Boldren. The class average was 88.

Prof. S. B. Bell, whilst but recently established in St. Louis, has assisted nature in accomplishing some marvelous cures, and when located in Milwaukee he was conceeded to be one of the ablest representatives of the Swedish movement cure and massage in the State of Wisconsin. Prof. Bell deserves the endorsement and support of the medical profession of St. Louis, and we bespeak for him the patronage of the physicians of both the allopathic and homeopathic schools, for his treatment is not at variance with the essentials of the teachings of either system. In fact, the importance of his treatment must receive consideration from advanced members of the profession in general. He is thoroughly competent, and his treatments are scientific and thorough. The Freeman does not hesitate to commend him in the strongest terms to the physicians of St. Louis.

George Harris, a twelve year old boy, who lives with his parents at 1615½ Lucas avenue, is a firm believer in the truth of the old saying, "The hair of the dog is good for the bite." This is where George remains true to tradition, and the teachings of his father, and his faith is firm in spite of the fact that modern medical science, in the person of Dr. C A. Newcomb, of the City Dispensary, disputes him. George was bitten by a big Newfoundland dog a few days ago. The bite was on George's leg, and it wasn't a very big bite; but it was big enough to scare a good deal of the color out of George's face.

"De law'd, I's done dog bit! Is I g'ine t' have de hydephoby?" he asked his father.

"Naw, g'wan away, chile; co'se y' ain't! Ain't I done dog bit more n a million times? Well, I ain't got no hyderphobily. I knows what to do f'r de dog bite, I does."

Father Harris caught the dog and from the back of the big beast's neck clipped a large handful of hair. Half of this he put on the family coal shovel and pronouncing a hoodoo chant, held it over the hot coals until it was bunred up. Then he took the other half of the batch and putting it on the wound bandaged it tightly with a cotton rag, and told the boy to "G'wan now an' fergit all about it, 'n de fus' thing ou kno' two'nt be no bite nor nuthen on dat leg." George must have not forgotten it entirely, for the wound wouldn't heal. Instead it got worse.

Very interesting sermons are being preached at the revival services held at Central Baptist church, and good work is being done. Already many converts have been accepted into the church and are now candidates for baptism. Rev. Cohron, pastor of the church, is a very able man, and has the faculty of drawing the younger and better element around him.

Little Ella Jones, nine years of age, fell in a swoon in the corridor of L'Overture school last Thursday from the over-heated condition of the building. Another little girl saw her as she fell, and reported the same to her teacher. Miss Wallace came out, and observing the child simply raised her hand, whereupon Prof. Wood took in the situation at a glance, and the child was removed to the reception room and placed in charge of a lady teacher. Upon investigation it was discovered that the little thing suffered from fatty degeneration of the heart. She was subsequently removed to her home in a conveyance by the principal. The deportment of the pupils are excellent, no matter what happens in their midst, and even in the absence of teachers their entire time is devoted to studies.

Caroline Woods, claiming to be 123 years old, was taken from her home, 4023 Eastern avenue to the City Hospital one day last week. She is barely able to walk, and will quite likely be sent to the Poor House. According to her statement she was born at Winchester, Ky., 123 years ago, and was the slave of Peter Buckner. She has been married a number of times, but only has one son living.

R. Leon Rhodes, formerly treasurer of the Chicago National Typographical Association, and foreman of the A. M. E. Record Pub. Co., is now in charge of the printing department of the Expositor of this city, and your correspondent is pleased to note that since his advent here, the paper is a clean sheet, properly arranged, and contains matter worthy to read.

Some men have greatness thrust upon them, while others achieve it. Prof. Arthur D. Langston, principal of the Dumas school, and a son of the Hon. John M. Langston, is one of the men who has achieved greatness, and has won laurels that after he shall have departed this life will be ever beneficial to others. Twenty years ago he came to St. Louis and entered the field as a public school teacher. His ability won for him respect and esteem, and in a few years after was made principal of the Dessalines school. From a four-room school house, during the five years he presided over that school he built the same up to ten rooms, and during the three years he has had charge of the Dumas school he not only added eight rooms making a total of twenty, but has been instrumental in increasing its educational standard, and to-day the Dumas school is equal to any of the public schools of our city, and has an enrollment of 1222 pupils. The corps of teachers is a very efficsent one, and the scholars graduated therefrom to the High School, passes generally a very fair examination. The kindergarten is in charge of Mrs. Hayden Campbell, and she like the other teachers, is beloved by her children. Prof. Langston is a graduate of Oberlin, and he now has two sons in that institution. It is a true saying that the fruit never falls far from the tree. This is very applicable to the professor, for he is like his father, destined to be a leader among men. Already he has gained that reputation in St. Louis, for he is unquestionably a leader in educational circles, and your correspondent predicts for him a grand, noble and brilliant future.

A reception was tendered the "Yoklahoma Club" last Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Brigford on Baldwin street, and among the ladies present were Misses Ada and Ida Young, Nellie Pryor, Anna and Ida Mans, Alice Shephard, and Mrs. Pryor. Messrs. Williams. Jameison, W. I. Smith, John Smith, Mans, Demain, Coppridge and Jackson.

EX-LIEUT. H. O. FLIPPER,
Nogales, Ariz. See article, "A Damon and Pythias Act," on third page, in reply to an inquiry as to his whereabouts.

Y. M. C. A. Organized.

Houston, Tex., Special

Mrs. Fannie B. Williams, the noted Afro-American lecturer, lectured at Antioch Baptist church Feb. 3 to a crowded house of white and colored. Prof. F. I. Richardson was stage manager. Hon. C. N. Love made the welcome address. The introductory speech was delivered in brief by Prof. Larver of the city schools. Rev. F. L. Lights, D. D. has organized a Y. M. C. A. at Antioch. It is a religious organization where the young men learn more about their christian duty. Bible reading, prayer meeting and discussion upon different topics is the principle object. Rev. Lights should have encouragement for his noble effort to upbuild the young men. The Y. M. C. A. door is open to all men.

Read! Very Important.

Montreal, Canada, Special.

J. A. Sherman, a young gentleman died at General Hospital Monday, January 25th, '97. He was taken to the institution on Wednesday Jan. 20, and lived only a few days. He was an employee of the Pullman Palace Car Co., in the Montreal district. His many friends of this city used their ability in trying to obtain the remains from the hospital, but were unsuccessful. If any relatives or friends of the deceased wish for the remains, please address:

HENRY CLAYTON.
28 St Davis' Lane, Montreal, Canada.

Church News.

Chatham, Ont., Canada.

Sunday the 30th inst was quarterly meeting day at the A. M. E. church, quite a good gathering at 11 a. m. Rev. Wm Basie. from Chatham preached a soul stirring sermon from the ix chap. and xxvi v. of Job: "Though the skin worms destroys this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." The Sunday School at the A. M. E. church convened at 2 p. m. Miss Carrie Scott presided at the organ; quite a number was present. The Pastor J. H. C. McPherson, B. D., has opened upon a series of sermons on the Revelation. Sacrament was administered to quite a large host. Rev. Eddy preached a soul stirring sermon at 7:30; collection $4.17. The Y. M. C. A. will give their first anniversary on Feb. 11. Rt. Rev. Bishop J. C. Wilmore is a regular reader of The Freeman. Mrs. Liza Scott who has been in Michigan at the bed side of her daughter has returned home, leaving her daughter much better. Miss Francis Scott has gone to Michigan. Two persous joined the church last Sunday.

A New Pastor.

Huntsville, Tex., Special.

St. James M. E. church has a new pastor, Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, late of Texarkana, Tex. The reverend seems to be the right man in the right place. The Sabbath School is prospering; Miss E. E. Shaw the energetic superintendent with the assistance of Elder Jackson, is getting things in good shape. The Odd Fellow's new hall is nearing completion, Messrs. Jos. Metary and Houston are the leaders. Rev. Jackson is running a Pentecostal meeting; Presiding Elder A. C. Culbreath preached the introductory, his subject was Rom. 12 chap. 1 v. Ten have joined, and many are at the altar for prayer. La grippe is very prevalent at present. An old lady died at the home of Prof. Abner, on Jan. 31, age 104 yrs. G. S. Neal, State agent for The Freeman would do well to appoint a new agent in this city. Everybody should take The Freeman.

Died of Heart Failure.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mrs Elizabeth Ridgely, wife of Jessie Ridgely, died Monday, Feb. 1 of heart failure. She leaves a daughter and son, two sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was a member of the Good Chapter and of the A. M. E. church, at which place the funeral took place Wednesday at 12:36, Rev. Hill officiating. Burial at Base Line cemetery in Cheshire which is about thirty miles from this city. The remains were accompanied to Cheshire only by near relatives and Rev. Hill. Mrs. Effie Vaughn is convalescent.

DESIROUS OF WINNING FAVOR

NUMBERS OF MINISTERS STRIVE TO STAY THE RISING TIDE

Of Public Opinion—The Wicked Ministers With Blackened Deeds Cannot Lift up a People and Fit Them for Life—Our Duty.

Moved by the instinct of self preservation or lead by the desire to win favor, there has lately sprung to the front a number of ministers who are undertaking to beat back the rising tide of public opinion in favor of certainly much needed reforms. It is these crafty and conscienceless of men who crowd to the fore in convention and conference and by ad cap tandum vulgus appeals counteract the influence of the earnest and better element.

What is the greatest evil existing in the churches of the race? What is the evil upon which the reformer could put his finger and say, "Remove this and you have destroyed the root." The existance, here and there, of a wicked minister; the commission, here and there of black deeds by clergymen, the presence here and there of a wolf in sheep's clothing are facts that are to be used only in fixing the responsibility. To hunt down the individual offender is but topractice "lynch law." The real point of attack should be the authority to whose indifference or negligence these evils are due.

If a preacher is a notorious sinner and notwithstanding this is permitted to go unscathed, who is responsible? What can be done, not merely to exclude or reform the individual preachers, but all preachers of his kind? There is legislative and administrative authority and power somewhere that would be equal to the task. The whole problem, therefore, is simply this, "How shall we provoke the responsible powers to action?"

Law is but public opinion coined into words. In our race churches this is true of but few laws. We have simply adopted the laws obtaining among the white churches after which ours are shaped. Many laws represent to us words only and not sentiments. It has been for many years the custom to ignore any and every law that did not happen to fit in with the prevaling sentiment. I have seen many good and upright ministers slain contrary to law and I have seen many evil ones exalted regardless of law. Laws which we have not copied, but which have been passed in response to public sentiment are potent and operative. This is but in harmony with a universal truth. David laid aside the armour of Saul and clung to his own habit. No organization can live up to or successfully administrate laws that are foreign to the conventional sentiment within that organization. Man must be lifted up to a plane level with Divine requirements in order to obey Divine law, but human law must come down to the level of the wisest and best of the leading spirits of an organization. Religion lifts man up to the plane of the Divine law; reason and morality lift the majority up to the level of the wiser and better minority whose sentiments have been coined into law. The "Dollar Money Law" of the A. M. E. Church is not a Divine law but is a human expedite designed to serve certain noble ends of the Church organization. The law relating to divorce is simply a copy of the law of some other church. The efforts to enforce the Dollar Money Law are earnest and zealous, the efforts to enforce the law concerning divorce are occasional and weak. Were the law about Dollar Money neglected, many important interests, personal and general, would suffer and for this reason sentiment demands the enforcement of this law. Were the law relating to divorce strictly carried out, many able and influential ministers would be cast aside. Sentiment is against this, ergo, the law is a dead letter except when invoked against some particular individual not in general favor. The Bishops are not to blame, they conform to the sentiment of the conferences; the conferences are not to blame, they conform to the sentiment of thepeople; the people are not to blame, they don't know any better. The law is in the book but it does not represent the prevaling sentiment, it is far above the moral level of popular thought and feeling. Who are responsible? Those who see and feel the wrong. What is their duty? To cry aloud and spare not. They will make enemies by such a course. True enough but they will be doing right. But the man who makes enemies may not win high place. True enough, but the man who is in the A. M. E. church for such a purpose and who values ambition above duty to his race is an unworthy man and cannot have that greatest of all blessings, self-respect.

The road to noble manhood and to heaven is the path of duty. The A. M. E. church has frequently placed her highest honors upon the brow of a man whose has never compromised his convictions, but who has been true to his own best self through every test. Heaven gives eternal honors to none others. Bishop Grant lately said to a group of young ministers, "It is my belief that nothing can conquor or destroy those who do what is right." Oh, that his noble words could enter every heart and their noble sound drown out the wicked voices of those who seek to unman our young ministers by saying, "You will kill yourself"

The minister who is not manly, upright and true, is not able to lift up a people and fit them for life. Men who tremble and crawl at the feet of tyrants, who flatter and compromise for personal gain cannot teach to a down trodden people the lessons of manly courage which the battle of life demands of all.

Brethren, if you will not speak out against evil, at least give the help of your silence to those who do. If you will speak out, do it with judgement and beware that in your zeal you do not do more harm than good. Our Afro-American Churches are reaching a period where there must be much reshaping of feelings, customs and laws. It is wicked to be indifferent; it is harmful to be injudicious. Let us do right and do it in a wise way.

J. M. HENDERSON, M. D.
82 Vanderbilt Ave., Brooklyn.

DAYS OF RACES NUMBERED

THE DOMINATION OF NATIONS WILL SINK INTO OBLIVION.

Will the Sun of Civilization Ever Shed its Fulgent Rays on Benighted Africa? The Great Human Race One in Origin.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

"Sic transit gloria mundi" has been written by the finger of time in the ashes of extinct civilizations which once filled the earth with power and glory and excited the wonder and admiration of mankind. We learn slowly even when taught by heaven. The historian philosophizes upon the causes that have led to the overthrow of nations and shows with great skill how that if in a certain decisive battle victory had resulted to the other side some mighty and vanished nation would still be playing its part upon the stage of history; but the true causes of race extinction and national overthrow must not be sought in historic data; they lie in a realm little explored by the chronicler of the historic events of any age. The verdict of history seems to be that the days of races, as of men are numbered; the lines of their development prescribed, their mission once fulfilled they fall into dissolution and decay.

Of the great historic nations of the past the Jew alone remains and the Jews are not a nation. Israel is in the midst of the nations of the earth a sojourner and a wanderer. Thoss who look in the future for the supremacy of any race, or the domination of any nation, or who think that the more vigorous peoples will snatch the scepter of dominion from the grasp of undeveloped nations, mislead an evolutionary process in history which has been gradually unfolding since man first appeared on earth. The tropical sun will never cover with her mantle of cloth of gold the steeples of an African civilization, nor will the pensive and dreamy children of the East again inhabit the seat of power with an Asiatic civilization; while European or Western civilization is just now uttering her highest word and putting the finishing touches upon the work of her splendid mission in the world. The wounded hand of the man from calvary is the only one which is able to open the gates of world wide dominion, and the thorn-crowned man of Gallilee is the only possible universal king.

The course of human history and all the resources and development of modern civilization make for the obliteration of all artificial barriers between man and man, race and race, nation and nation. We speak of races but there is but one race—the human race. The various branches of the human family are one in origin, and so far as the final goal of human history is concerned they will be one in destiny. A noted American writer entitles one of the ambitious chapters of a recent book "The Anglo-Saxon and the World's Future." Under this heading he argues that the white man will not only give the English language an Anglo-Saxon civilization to the darker races of mankind, but will rule them in the future much as England rules India to-day. But, alas! the philosopher has turned dreamer and his dream must fade even as dreams dissolve in the light of day.

What in future is to be the attitude of European and American civilization toward the Negro in particular and the darker races of mankind? This is, indeed, a weighty question. But the future holds its own solution, and its solution will agree both with the will of the Almighty and the universal verdict of mankind. Its solution will not leave the colored races in the attitude of vassals, serfs and menials for the fairer races, but will give to each portion of the human race an equal place in regard to the other according to its capacity and power. Man loses himself in isolation and only finds himself and his true relation in society, association and freedom of intercourse with his fellowmen. So race and nations lose themselves when walled up, isolated and shut in upon themselves and only find themselves in that large intercourse and commerce with one another whereby their life finds a perpetual renewal.

The great religious, moral, industrial scientific and intellectual movements are not simply racial or national—they are inter-racial and international; they are part of great world movements. No great moral or religious truth, no great political doctrine, no great scientific discovery or invention can long remain the exclusive possession of any race or country. The printing press, electricity and steam will give them to the remotest regions of the earth. What a few once enjoyed the many now enjoy; what the few now enjoy will soon be a world-wide possession.

This universe possesses only one presiding Deity, only one reigning God. This God has a divine purpose, and every purpose has a plan, and every plan a development. History, the scroll upon which the palsied fingers of past ages have written, unfolds this development before our eyes. Race unity and human brotherhood is the goal toward which the whole creation moves.

In the light of these things the Negro in his present environment is in danger of judging things from the standpoint of race rather than from the standpoint of man. The race has been for so many centuries shut in upon itself, circumscribed, chafing against unnatural boundaries and restraints that it is not to be considered strange if its angle of vision has been warped and its out look upon lite bedimmed. And yet his outlook upon life is perhaps not different from that of more favored races, for the white man views the world from the white man's standpoint; and to this extent, in common with all others, he unconsciously loses touch with the great world movements in which upon the stage of history he has been playing so conspicuous a part. The Negro is to have no continued separate existence here. His life belongs to the nation, is a part of the nation's life. No Afro-American or Anglo-African civilization is to be built into or adapted to American institutions or American life. While in many instances the American Negro is compelled to walk an isolated bypath in American life, rather than to travel its great highway unfettered, that bypath runs for a time parallel with the highway of American life and at no distant day will converge and intersect it at a point from which the two will coincide.

The most powerful influences, aside from the home, which under his own control are influencing the Negro's life are the pulpit, the school and the press. The Negro pulpit, the Negro school and the Negro press, however much they may be derided, are necessary factors in the present stage of race development. Their aim should be not simply to make better Negroes, but better men; not to train the race so that they would be unfit to compete with others for the prizes of life. Those who have been trained and who are being molded by these influences make as good showing in the larger world as those who have been trained under the tutorage of white men. The true test of any institution is the kind of men and women it produces. Let our race institutions and race enterprises be weighed and measured by this test, not by their poverty, not by their shortcomings, but by the work done. The Negro preachers, teachers, editors, etcetera, are receiving a training and equipment in the field to which their energies are at present circumscribed, which is qualifying them to edit not newspapers for Negroes but newspapers for men; to instruct not Negroes but mankind, and to preach the gospel of human brotherhood to an age and time which is willing to receive and acknowledge it. Let our youth take courage; let our toilers in the professional fields be not dismayed, for out of their isolation they will come at no distant day to work for the larger unity, the large brotherhood—the brotherhood and unity of mankind.

REV. R. C. RANSOM,
Bethel A. M. E. Church,
Chicago, Ill.

An Educational Society.

Villa Vista, La., Special.

Our people here have become more interested in their children than ever before. They have found out that it is a vast mistake for us, as a race, to sit down and depend all together upon the public school system for the education of our children. After carefully considering this all important subject, they decided that they would pursue a different course and last fall came together with Rev. G. P. Green, J. H. Atkins, and Tighlman Banks as their leaders, and organized an Educational Society. They then went to work at once raising monies for the purpose of running an independent school. They were very successful in their attempt, and on Dec. 1, 1896, Prof. David, formerly of Bishop College, Marshall, Tex., and who had been recently called from Little Rock, Ark., to the bedside of his sick brother at Lake Providence, was called to take charge of our school at Villa Vista. He arrived here on Dec. 6, and began the work of teaching the following day. The work is now well under way and Prof. Reed is pushing it with untiring energy. Rev. Green is doing all in his power to help on the work. He preached a touching sermon at his church on the 10th. The young people met at the Little Rock Baptist church Jan. 11 and organized a literary society The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Prof. David P. Reed, president; Miss M. Anderson, vice president; T. Banks, recording secretary; P. Sutson, treasurer; J. H. Atkins, editor News Budget; Miss Ella M. Hummings, assistant secretary. Rev. G. P. Green left on the 28th en route to Hampton, Miss., where he has the pastoral care of two churches

Ennis Enterprises.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

B. W. Williams has opened a barber shop in the Roark building. Mrs. Gertrude McKee has opened a grocery at Jim Williams' residence. Mrs. Reanner Biggin and Mrs. Pleader Walton died last week. Mrs. Maggie Waid is ill. Mrs. Mollie Turner is convalescent. P. W. White, Mrs. D. V. McCoin and Mrs. Amanda Underhill are on the sick list. Mrs. Emma Clay left for Dallas, Tex., to join her husband. A. J. Crenshaw has moved back to the city. Mrs. Lizzie Crenshaw has returned to this city. F. Roark, Mrs. Bettie Dyser's little girl and Sam Ewing are on the sick list. Subscribe for The Freeman while it is only $1 00 a year. Call and see the agent of your town and give him your subscription.

A HEALER OF THE PEOPLE

IS DR. S. F. PORTER, OF ST. LOUIS, MO., IN THE FULLEST SENSE.

Left an Orphan at Two Years of Age, She has Made her Way, Step by Step, Until She is now on the Top Most Ladder of Fame.

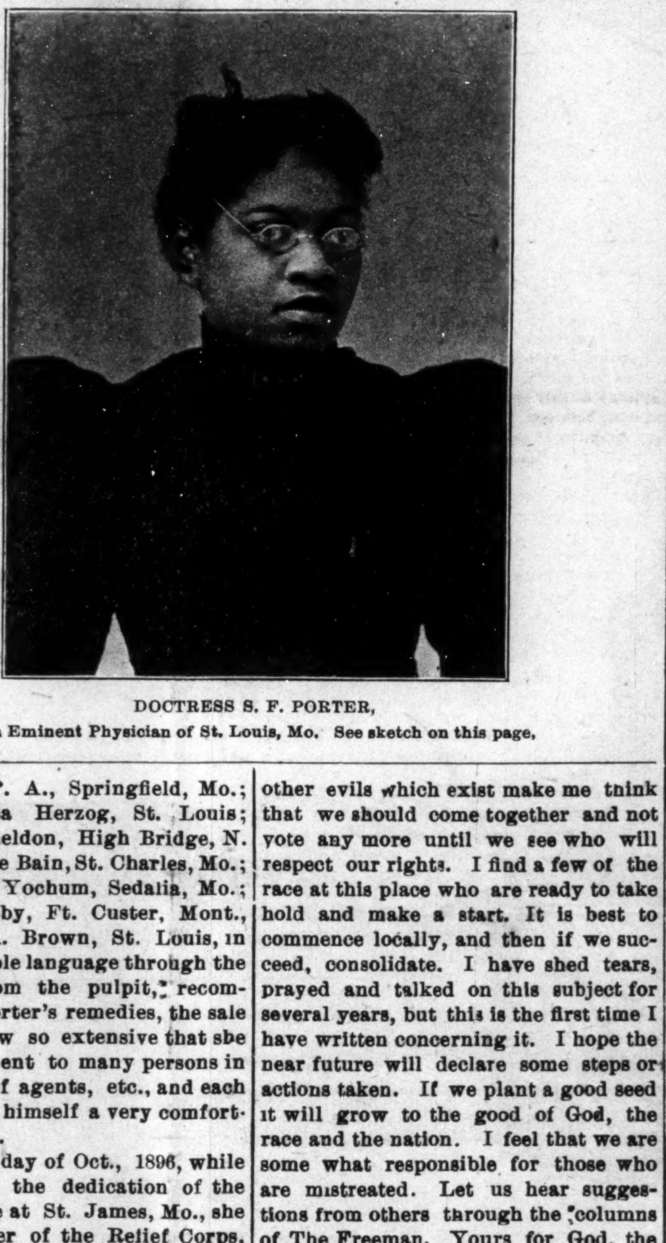
The subject of this sketch was born in the city of Fulton, Mo., in the year 1863, and was left an orphan at the age of two years, her mother having died when she was only one year old, and her father one year subsequent while engaged in battle for his country. She obtained her training at the Orphan's Home in the city of St. Louis, and that institution might well be proud of her from the fact that she has risen to prominence as a Magnetic Doctress, has gained a wide reputation as such, and is beloved by all who know her. About five years ago she started in business for herself at 1408 Morgan street, this city, and ever since has been on the onward march to success. During her career many cases pronounced fatal by white physicians, were taken by her and successfully treated. An instance fresh in the writer's memory is one wherein William Moore, an undertaker, contracted blood poison by handling a corpse. The doctors had arranged to amputate the limb in order to save his life, when as a last resort, this estimable lady was called in, successfully treated the case, and the man now walks the streets of St. Louis without the loss of any member. Is this not wonderful? Her many patrons are principally among the white race, and from far and near testimonials pour into her office daily, lauding her preparations which have found their way throughout the Union. Among the many might be quoted Mrs. E. Miller, of Bunker Hill, Ill., who was an invalid for years with lung trouble, and by the use of her magnetic remedies, was restored to health. Mrs. L. J. Allen, state president of the Woman's A. P. A., Springfield, Mo.; Mrs. Frederica Herzog, St. Louis; Mrs. L. P. Sheldon, High Bridge, N. Y.; Mrs. Bettie Bain, St. Charles, Mo.; Miss Maggie Yochum, Sedalia, Mo.; Mrs Ida Frisby, Ft. Custer, Mont., and Rev. A. A. Brown, St. Louis, in the most forcible language through the press and from the pulpit, recommends Mrs. Porter's remedies, the sale of which is now so extensive that she gives employment to many persons in the capacity of agents, etc., and each one makes for himself a very comfortable livelihood.

On the 26th day of Oct., 1896, while on her way to the dedication of the Soldiers' Home at St. James, Mo., she being a member of the Relief Corps, the train was wrecked and all around could be heard the cries of the injured and dying. The demand for physicians were so numerous that many had to go unaided. Dr. Porter, like a true woman, was equal to the emergency, always having in hand bandages, etc., in the bag; she went to work like a true and noble woman relieving the sufferings of many, and to her credit might be said that those whom she attended quickly recovered without the loss of any limb, while the same can cannot be said of those attended by the white physicians.

She is a woman faithful to her church, charitable to every worthy object, a great admirer of every colored enterprise, a lover of her profession, and might well be termed an exemplary woman. The lady is in receipt of many letters from people throughout the Southland, imploring her to come among them and give them the benefit of her treatment to relieve their many ills; and always being rendered happy by relieving suffering humanity, she has consented to take a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., in the near future, and there build for herself a reputation equal, if not greater than in St. Louis, and be esteemed by the people with whom she may associate.

In the Negro building at the Centennial to be held at Nashville, Tenn., next May, will be found this lady, having on exhibition her own preparations, such as blood tonics, linaments, hair grower, tooth cream, hair oil, and skin wash Her blood tonic is a purely vegetable compound. It purifies the blood, builds up the system, and will cure scrofula, catarrh, billious headache, indigestion, diseases of the heart, paralysis, palpatation, asthma, dysentery and is a boon to the suffering from kidney and liver disorders, and all affections of the nerve. It acts like magic in la grippe, and will cure female weakness in its worst form. This lady has so much confidence in her preparation of the blood tonic, that she has a standing offer of $50 for any case mentioned that it fails to cure; and strange to say that thousands have tested the same and found it equal to all claimed for it; in consequence of which the same has been endorsed by many leading white physicians throughout the state of Missouri. We St. Louisians are very sorry that this lady is going away from us even for a time, but we feel proud that at least one good, true and noble woman from Missouri will be represented at the Centennial, and will relieve many in the Southland of our country. We wish her God speed in all her undertakings, predict for her a grand and glorious future and shall ever pray for a speedy return to the fireside of a Missouri home, where she will always be received with open arms and a joyful heart.

REV. H. W. SMITH,
St. John A. M. E. Z. Church,
St. Louis, Mo.



DOCTRESS S. F. PORTER,
An Eminent Physician of St. Louis, Mo. See sketch on this page.

Who Will Respect Our Rights?

EDITOR FREEMAN:

An article appeared in The Freeman Jan. 2, headed "The Negro Problem." It was highly appreciated by all who saw it, also those to whom I mentioned it. I will stand by any plan to better the condition of the race. Some disfranchised, some voting as free Americans, and some forced under oppression or by some means voting against their sentiment and against the interest of the country. That and many other evils which exist make me think that we should come together and not vote any more until we see who will respect our rights. I find a few of the race at this place who are ready to take hold and make a start. It is best to commence locally, and then if we succeed, consolidate. I have shed tears, prayed and talked on this subject for several years, but this is the first time I have written concerning it. I hope the near future will declare some steps or actions taken. If we plant a good seed it will grow to the good of God, the race and the nation. I feel that we are some what responsible for those who are mistreated. Let us hear suggestions from others through the columns of The Freeman. Yours for God, the race and the country.

P. F. RANDOLPH,
Oakland City, Ind.

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In the Foregoing, Ex-Lieut. Flipper Exonerates Himself From the Many False Charges Preferred Against Him.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

DEAR SIR:—In your issue of the 23rd inst., there is a communication from an "Afro-American Soldier," in Fort Custer, Montana, aking for information of "Lieut. H. O. Flipper," his whereabouts, what he has been doing, is doing and expects to do. I suppose he has a right to know and, such being the penalty of celebrity, I presume it is my duty to inform him. His interest in my very humble person is most gratifying, but it seems that, while I am evidently satisfied with the situation, he ought to tolerate it, as no useful purpose can be served by resuscitating the corpse. I more readily consent to furnish him the desired information, because it will afford me the opportunity to answer some of the thousand and one rumors, assertions and falshoods that have been current anent myself. I have been the subject of newspaper comment with astonishing regularity and frequency since my dismissal from service.

For the first year or so I replied to every one that came under my notice, but I soon tired of that and adopted the policy of ignoring them, as most of them were harmless though false. Some two years ago one W. E. Curtis, who was at one time connected with the Bureau of American Republics in Washington, published in The Chicago Record an article in which he stated that I had been dismissed for duplicating pay accounts, and a lot of rot about the Crackers at my birth place in Georgia having with paternal solicitude for my future welfare, endeavored to persuade me from going into the army. I was naturally indignant and thought of prosecuting the writer, but was dissuaded therefrom by legal friends.

While I was Acting Commissary of Subsistence at Fort Davis, Tex., in 1881, to which place I had been appointed for meritorious service in the field in carrying dispatches through a country known to the infested with hostile Apache Indians, on the very day the lamented Garfield was shot charges were preferred against me for embezzlement of public funds, and for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, under the 60th and 61st Articles of War. These articles are as follows:

("60)—Any officer in the military service of the United States who steals, embezzles, knowingly and willingly misappropriates, applies to his own use or benefit, or wrongfully or knowingly sells or disposes of any ordinance, arms, equipments, clothing, subsistence stores, money, or other property of the United States, furnished or intended for the military service thereof shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by fine or imprisonment, or by such other punishment as a court martial may adjudge.

(61)—Any officer who is convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman shall be dismissed from the service."

There was a shortage in my accounts but I was in no way responsible for it, as the result showed. I always believed that an officer of my own regiment stole the funds from me.

The charge of embezzlement against me, under the 60th Article of War, was abandoned at the trial and an effort made to convict me of constructive embezzlement under articles 5,488 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of the United States. The prosecution failed dismally and I was fully and honorably acquitted of the charge of embezzlement.

The charge under the 61st Article of War was deceiving the Commanding Officer of the Post, as to the disposition of Commissary funds, and occurred under circumstances of which no one knew anything but himself and myself. It was simply a question of veracity between us, and I say now, as I said to the court, "I declare in the most solemn manner that I am not guilty of these charges." Of this charge the the court found me guilty, and having found me guilty, was constrained, under the mandatory provisions of the 61st Article of War, to decree my dismissal.

It is to be observed that the 61st Article of War is clearly unconstitutional in that it confers legislative powers upon court martial to the extent of declaring what is "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman." There is no appeal from a court martial and no power to remedy this serious defect, or even to pass upon itself, outside of Congress.

The court to try me was ordered by the distinguished Corps Commander of the late war who refused to command "niggers." The Judge Advocate of the department, who had to pass on the preceedings after the trial, was the Judge Advocate who tried me, and it is to be presumed he recommended this Department Commander who refused to command "niggers" to approve them and the sentence. They were approved and forwarded to Washington with a like recommendation.

There were other incidents connected with my case. I knew efforts were being made to get me out of the army. I had warning from civilian friends about the Post to whom officers talked. I provided against attacks from every direction so far as I could. There was one infantry officer in particular who had a habit of prowling around my quarters at all hours of the night. I let him prowl for there never was anything for him to discover. I was convicted by a vote of six to four. Within a year after my trial quite half of the members of the court were dead and and the wife of the officer who had nothing else to do but prowl around my quarters at unseemly hours of the night, was an inmate of a house of prostitution in Los Angeles, California. It may be superstition on my part to call this retributive justice, but I do, for I suppose that I, in common with the rest of mankind, have my share of it.

When I was placed under arrest the most outrageous indignities were heaped upon me by the Post Commander, the Adjutant and the officer of the day. They were of such a shameless nature that the Department Commander, when they were reported to him and although he had no love for "niggers," promptly reprimanded the Post Commander and ordered that I be treated with the considerations due a commissioned officer, which was thereafter done. Before my trial I sent a personal friend of mine East to secure assistance for me, influence, anything that would help me. Everywhere I got the answer: "Prove your innocence and we will assist you." I say everywhere, but there was one who loyally came to my assistance and that was my very dear friend, Prof. Richard T. Greener. After the trial an officer, a friend of mine, went to Washington to do for me whatever he could. He met with no success whatever. I was told by my captain, who was in San Antonio, Tex., at the time that it was current talk at army headquarters there that this officer was a candidate for an army appointment that carried promotion with it and that, when he presented my case, he was told plainly that he could have his choice, either the place he wanted or my restoral to duty, and that he chose the former and I was sacrificed. What truth there was in this I do not know.

My counsel at the trial was Captain Merritt Barber of the 16th U S. Infantry and he made a most able defense.

Being a Negro, the greatest possible publicity was given to the charges against me and every detail of the proceedings was published in the press of the entire country, and it is not a little surprising that anyone can be found now who is not conversant with them. I hope I shall not be required to rewrite the story for every generation that grows up during my life time.

I was dismissed to take effect June 30th 1882, five years and fifteen days from the date of my commission. From that time till 1885 I lived in El Paso, Texas, and since then have lived in Nogales, Arizona. I have done a great deal of land surveying in Mexico for various American companies and handled thousands of dollars of money for them, but my home has never been outside of "these United States of America." I have never spent the one millionth part of a cent in a mine of any kind, any where, nor have I ever received as much out of a mine. I have never been married to a rich Mexican heiress or any other kind of a Mexican. I have never held any position whatever in the Mexican Army, never been offered any position in that Army, never applied for such position nor do I want it, nor have I ever held any other position under the Mexican government. Neither the President nor any one else has ever offered me my "commission again" with my original or any other rank, nor have I ever refused what has never been offered me. I never was in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a day in my life, consequently never was interpreter in a police court in that city, as published some time since in a race paper in Denver, Colorado. When I was dismissed I was discouraged and more than disgusted with the treatment I had received in the East. I have no desire, not the slighest, to secure my commission again. Uncle Sam hasn't money enough to induce me to go back. Army life is at best a life of routine that unfits a man for any other occupation, if he remains in it too long, and in time of peace has no future for any man.

My innocence cannot be established, for the circumstances on which it rests are known to but one other man besides myself. To confess my innocence would be his ruin. How else, then, can I establish it? Either I lied to him or he lied to the court. I say he lied and he says I lied. That is the situation. What can be done about it?

There are some things in life better even than being Captain. I have followed the even tenor of my way with a clean conscience since being dismissed As civil engineer I have always had plenty to do. In 1893 I was appointed a special agent of the Department of Justice and assigned to duty in the office of the U. S. Attorney, for the U.S. Court Private Land Claims, a tribunal created by act of Congress of March 3, 1891, to determine title to lands in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, held under Spanish and Mexican grants. I am employed as expert in the Spanish language, expert in Spanish and Mexican land laws, ancient and modern, and expert surveyor. My duties are to translate the original patents into English, go to Mexico and hunt up and translate laws, examine archives, examine documents filed by claimants, examine surveys and maps, go on the ground and examine the grants, hunt up and examine witnesses and be myself the principal witness for the government at the hearing of these cases. I have translated and edited a collection of Spanish and Mexican Land Laws which the Department of Justice has had published. When I was appointed the land grant claimants made a determined effort to have me removed, alleging that I had been dismissed from the army and was not eligible to hold any government position. Mr. Olney, the then Attorney General, overruled them and I am still special agent, and my pay is more than thrice what it was in the army. I hold a position few men, if any at all in the United States, can fill, and I have done my part toward recovering for the government thousands and thousands of acres of land held under fraudulent and forged Spanish and Mexican patents. I am also a U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor for the District of Arizona, and when appointed I had not the slightest trouble in finding bondsmen in the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

I have written this reply in the first person and it is difficult not to appear somewhat egotistical. However, my conscience is clear and I am now, and always have been, and always intend to be, a man and a gentleman, as I understand those terms. I am not ashamed of anything I have ever done. I regret deeply what others have done to me, wrongs they can and ought to remedy and which I am powerless to redress.

My P. O. address is Nogales, Pima County, Arizona, Box 120. Correspondence sent there will reach me wherever I may be. I am here now in the performance of the duties of my office and shall probably be here several months and, for the present, may be addressed at this place.

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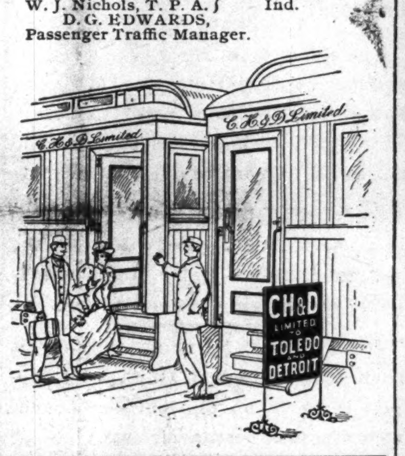

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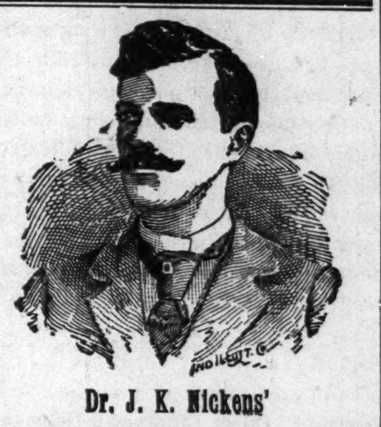

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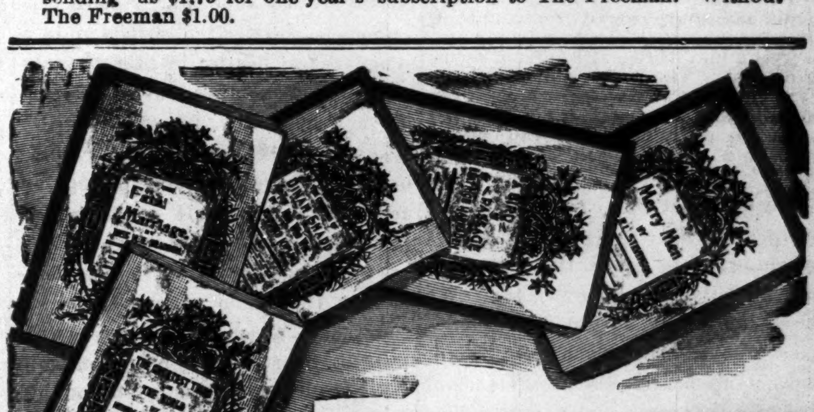

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LYNCHED FOR WRITING A DISRESPECTFUL LETTER.

We learn from the Standard, published in Lexington, Ky., that a Robert Morton was lynched in Bowling Green, Ky., Feb. 4th for writing an insulting and insinuating letter to a white lady. The Standard says:

"Morton wrote an insulting and insinuating note to Miss Tommie Johnson, a popular young white woman of the town, and when it became known a posse went to arrest him. He ran and they gave chase, capturing him after shooting him several times. While the officers were guarding Morton, a mob overpowered them and took the prisoner out of their custody and carrying him three miles from town, hung him. The body was found the next morning. The matter was kept so quiet that it was not known until noon the next day. Morton was 21 years old and the son of a section hand."

The above article is reproduced, not so much to show up another case of lynching, as to prove the fact, that, life is daily becoming cheaper. We mean Negro life within our own domain. It may be considered a sign of awakening conscience in the tone of the Southern press, which at this time is using its influence in trying to stir up public sentiment against such outrages, that strike at the race's very existence. It is a matter of appreciation to note the worthy attitude. But will it amount to any more than the press of the North that has been thundering away at the iniquitous institution? There are many noble minded white men and women of the South who have always upheld the supremacy of the laws, yet, as in the days of rebellion, what did their puny opposition amount to? We do not underrate the influence of their demonstrations, but the evil must show some sign of abatement before we conclude as to the potency of the press. The learned are to be convinced, but the standing army of intellectual beggars will never be educated in a day. The unwillingness to believe that the Negro is anything but an inferiorilly endowed being, is difficult to erradicate when so great a pleasure results from the belief. To be hung for writing an indecent letter is a spectacle for modern civilization. If Morton alone suffered, well might we hold our peace, but 'tis not Morton that was stricken down. It was a blow aimed at ten million of people who are unfortunate simply in being born. No question of pessimism or optimism at this juncture. Dollars and cents have long ago dropped out of the equation. The unknown quantity of respect for the race remains quad erat demonstrandum. Misdemeanors of all denominations will occur, do occur daily, but it is not the prerogative of any hastily organized tribunal to settle the matter. It is nothing within the court's province to mete out punishment commensurate with the crime. Those who first framed the laws took into cognizance the probable existence of the malefactor. They accordingly specified the possible crimes and the penalties for the committing of the same. The only excuse for the existence of courts, criminal or otherwise, is to protect the weak against the strong. "A nation on trial," says the English, and with much show of reason. A nation that acts for a part of the people, defends them, when criminals, trys them, and when innocent acquits them, that recognizes the blinded condition of the goddess of justice, that weighs all in the balances alike, has a government for, of and by the people. If these conditions do not obtain, the nation is but an experiment; its people submitting to its rules and regulations at their fancy. These irregularities are being winked at in some parts of the country; a process which is disreputable from a national standpoint. National honor! What an odd sound, when like a whited sepulcher lay in its bosom an object of perpetual detestation. Cuba Libre, and Delenda est Negro! will do to couple together for a National yell. Armenia for Christ! Negroes for hell, is the joyful refrain. The Sultan of Turkey comes in for his share of scoring by the christian world. What about the bullet riddled Negro whose life mounts the smoke of the fire by which he is consumed? The skeptical Negro is in the land. His almost superstitious religious beliefs keeps him from multiplying only. The apparent causes are amply sufficient. The weakness of Republics is no more apparent than in cases of this kind. Officers who hold their offices and are sworn to do their duties, are intimidated in various ways, all resulting in the maltreatment of a class of citizens at the behest of popular sentiment or approval, regardless of the mandates of the law. Every man is innocent until proven guilty! What a beautiful theory, but how ruthlessly violated! Crime or crimeless, the violation of the proprieties, whether great or small, when supposed to be committed by a Negro, death is the only compromise. Nor is it peculiar to one section. The length and breadth of the South are so innoculated with the venomous spirit that suspicion is a synonym for death. While the millions are law abiding, having no part in, nor sympathy for, the rascally members of the race, it should not be held that these irregular takings off are of no moment. It must be born in mind that whenever these charges are preferred, no matter in what community, the whole community is for the time inflamed as one man against the Negro, proving an utter contempt for him when he swings beyond his prescribed circle. It is hard to say, but safe to say there is no power strong enough to combat the evil. To threat, to denounce, all ends in threatening and denouncing. The fire will burn until there is no longer substance on which to feed. As the years roll on the Negroes will still be shot down in cane-brake and bush. They will expire amid the cracking flames and voluminous smoke that ascends to heaven as an only protest. The sheep of a nation—domestic and docile—waiting in the shambles for sacrifice—such is the picture of our most free institutions up to date.

Dr. J. Much talk Henderson, of New York, writes an article for the Indianapolis Freeman with the following introduction: "It is the hope of the writer that the following article will reach even the most remote members and followers of the great A. M. E. church." We have always thought there was something wrong about Dr. Henderson's think-tank, but never believed that it was impaired to the extent of mistaking The Freeman for the Recorder as the organ of the A. M. E. church, or in believing that The Freeman reaches the one-hundredth part of the membership of that great church.—Baltimore Afro-American.

The Dr.'s "think-tank" is all right; he knows a hawk from a handsaw. The Dr. can rest assured, that, if The Freeman does not tree 'em, they "ain't" to be treed.

Rev. Dr. C. S. Smith, of Nashville, has a very able contribution in the Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church, on the "British in the West Indies." Dr. Smith has reasons to feel proud of his work, for he is the first colored man ever solicited to do literary work for that journal. We will be glad to give the article extended notice in the near future.

ANNUAL TUSKEGEE CONFERENCE.

The Annual Tuskegee Negro Conference will be held at Tuskegee, Ala., Feb. 24, 1897. The work and importance of the Tuskegee Negro Conferences have now become so widely known and recognized throughout the country as a means of showing the colored people how to get upon their feet, that the friends of the Negro will be glad to know that they are to be continued from year to year under the auspices of the Tuskegee Institute. On the following day, Feb. 25th, will be held a workers' Conference composed as formerly of representatives from the different religious organizations and institutions in the South devoted to the interests of the Negro race. In other years about thirty institutions have been represented in these conferences and it is expected that the representation will be larger this year. These Negro Conferences being composed as they are of seven or eight hundred of the farmers, mechanics, teachers, etc., of the colored race furnishes a rare opportunity to study at first hand the Negro's condition and progress from year to year. Many local conferences on the same plan are now being organized throughout the South, and many of these will be represented by delegates. Friends of the race are invited to attend. Correspondence may be had with Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee, Ala.

THE QUESTION SETTLED.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 6, '97.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

DEAR SIR:—My attention was called to an editorial in your paper desiring to know who were the members of the Ohio delegation at the St. Louis convention June, 1896. The following are the names and offices they filled: Bishop B. W. Arnett, president; Hon. W. H. Parham, vice-president; Hon J. A. Brown, secretary; Hon. Geo. A. Myers, treasurer; Hon. W. H. Stewart, Hon Wm. Copeland, Prof. W. S. Scarborough, Hon C. L Maxwell, Pres. S. T. Mitchell, C. A. Cartrill, C. E. Gordon, and E. Y. Arnett. Hon. Geo. A. Myers was also chairman of the committee on Entertainment of the delegates in St. Louis. Respectfully yours,

BENJAMIN W. ARNETT.

The above is a reply to a question raised regarding Hon. Geo. A. Myers, and his relation to the party in Ohio. This good bishop has spoken, the authority will not be questioned.

Paul Dunbar will sail for England in a short while. He will tour the continent under Major Pond, who is noted for bringing out celebrities.

Hon. John R. Lynch, they say, is back in Washington, D. C. We suppose there is no unusual significance in his most opportune arrival.

Ex-Gov. P. B. S Pinchback had the pleasure of being a guest at the Platt dinner. From a political standpoint, it was no small distinction.

Hon. M. W. Lawson, of Willis, Tex., is a candidate for the Ministership to Liberia. He seems to be meeting with much favor from many sections of the country.

We are in receipt of one of those beautiful invitations, designed in tin, to the Tenth Anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wm.R Jackson, of this city.

The observance of Douglass day is a very wise movement. The colored schools of Washington, D. C., will observe the day, which has been set apart by the school board of that city.

The Bee concedes it, that there will be no colored man in the Cabinet. It claims it has done its duty in the matter, but rather supposes that the Negroes' disinclination had very much to do with it.

The silence, on the part of the press of the country on the cabinet question that took precedence a few weeks ago, is surprising. Silence has ever been considered golden, the chances are that some were silent in the wrong place.

The Bee, of Washington, still insists that Mr. Thomas, the white gentleman of the District, will be the incumbent of the office of Recorder of Deeds. Mr. Chase "mout" know what he is talking about, then again he "mout'nt."

The attempt to pass a "jim crow" car law by the Missouri legislature, has met a most deserved defeat by that body. Democrats and Republicans, it is said, joined hands in opposition to the movement.

Prof. Isaac H. Smith, who claims to be the original McKinley man, is willing to turn some of his luck at prognostication to account. He would like to exchange a block of it for an ordinary federal position, or ministership to some not too obscure country.

The state of Ohio is fill with good men who desire to serve their country under McKinley. John P. Green while he says he has had no conference with Mr. McKinley relative to an appointment, yet he avers that the President-elect is his friend. It's a lucky man that can count McKinley his friend in these "ticklish" times.

The A. M. E. church will have the proud deitinction of presenting the bible to the President-elect, Wm McKinley, upon which he will take the oath of office. Bishop Arnett will present the volume, which is to be handsomely bound in gold and silver. If we mistake not, this is the first time in the history of the country that the colored people have taken this part in the inaugural ceremonies.

A re-ordering of prizes among the colored faithful is on the tapis. Mr. B. K. Bruce, who was the largest Cabinet luminary, will doubtless be compelled to take new bearings. There are quite a number of good places left yet. Mr. Bruce has been Register of the Treasury and Recorder of Deeds, if he has not out-grown such places, his chances of location may not be gone glimmering.

We are sorry to learn that the Tennessee legislature has lost its only colored member. It seems that Mr. Graham must be inelligible owing to length of residence. He had not been in the state three years. At any rate Mr. Graham must be a man of ability if he could in so short a time work himself up to such an accendency. The chances are that he will be heard from again.

Hon. Geo. W. Murray, of South Carolina, created quite a consternation last week when he proposed to protest against the counting of the electorial vote of South Carolina for Wm. J. Bryan. But it has been well urged that the matter does not reside in the power of the Federal government to adjust. At least it would be very inopportune to try to righten matters. If the Federal government has power to regulate matters in South Carolina, Mr Murray will not be denied the opportunity in the future to decide the matter.

Personal Mention.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

Mr. Selva Johnson has returned after making a pleasant visit to Memphis and St. Louis, Mo. Miss Fisa Fields received one of the highest grade certificates for deportment and scholarship in our high school. Rev. Phillips is visiting his home in Mobelier, Mo. Miss Maggie Owens entertained Messrs. John Roan, Claud Martin Walter Clay, Charlie Williams, Milton Bland, Miss Anna Field, Katie Owens and Mrs. Wm. Gross. Rev. Thomas of Monmouth, Ill., has preached many good sermon and saved a few souls while journing here for Rev. Tillman. George Kellis and wife entertained the High Five Club Friday night. The Womans Auxilira met with Mrs. Bell Fields Friday evening. Mrs. Emily Rice has returned to her home in Chicago, Ill. Bud Alden has returned home to Milwaukee. F. D. Fields entertained J. B. Alden Monday evening. Mrs. Wilson Buckner is quit sick. Friday Feb. 5th Pilgrim's Rest Baptist church gave one of their well known comedys at the G. A. R. Hall which the cast of characters showed much skill. Miss Maggie Brown was musical director. "Drama, entitled, "A Stolen Will." Mr. John Turner and Miss Madelin Wilson gave a surprise party in honor of Willie Stewart Tuesday evening. Robert Ridlys ministrel, "South Africa Before the War" made its first appearance at Bonapart, Iowa, Feb. 6th. The revival has become interested at the A. M. E. church and I must say many young men have been converted.

Worthy of Serious Reflection.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say that since I have been one of your subscribers I have closely perused and observed the contents of The Freeman, and found many things worthy of serious thought. I consider it one of the most interesting journals in the editorial arena, not because it is a colored paper, but for the mere fact of it being a race paper, and I think it should be read in every Negro family. I will also take pleasure in mentioning it to the Literary World and the Toussaint L'Overture Glee Club in the Dickson community recently organized, in which quite an interesting spirit is manifested by both old and young. We find some very energetic and enterprising young men, also we have some ambitious and industrious young ladies, hence we conclude that there is a bright prospect for Porter's Spring.

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Pattern No, 122 is cut in six sizes, viz., 32. 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 bust measure and retails for 39 cents or we will send free postage prepaid to anyone sending 60 cents for three months subscription to The Freeman.

124—CHILD'S LONG COAT.
2, 4, 6 and 8 years.

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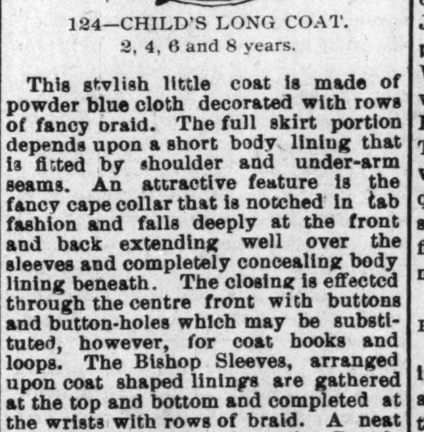

123—SURPLICE WAIST.
32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inches bust.

A modish basque is here represented in Aubergine breache; the full vest is of black mousseline over yellow satin. A chick bow of the same soft material adorns the neck while the free edges of the collar and broad revers are outlined with jeweled passamenterie. The full front and centre front with hooks and eyes. The trim adjustment of the basque is accomplished by the customary seams and single bias darts, the front sloping away below the waist line while the back is cut with the fashionable flare or ripple. Handsome revers or an original design well back from the full vest front and extend well over the stylish gigot sleeves. A pretty collar of Medici shape completes the neck. The sleeves are but moderately full and arranged upon coat shape linings. The wrists are decorated by a knife plaiting of mousseline falling well over the hand. All seasonable fabrics are adopted to mode which affords charming facilities for the introduction of contrasting materials. Quantity of material 44 inches wide. For 32 inches Bust Measure 2½ yards, for 36 inches Bust Measure 2¾ yards, for 40 inches Bust Measure 3¾ yards.

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Memphis, Tenn., Special.

It was extremely cold here the last week in January, and the United charities opened a soup house where they fed five or six hundred a day. They also gave wood and coal to deserving ones, both white and colored. On the sick list: Mrs. Mattie Robinson, Mrs. Katie Dukes, Mrs. Alice Ray, Mrs. Alex. Webb. Mrs. Katie Johnson, of King Fisher, Okla., left for her home on the 22d ult. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gusgly celebrated the Twelfth Anniversary of their marriage on the 28th ult. Wm. Dixon and Miss Lillie Belle Ross were quietly married on the 1st inst. Miss Lula Slack has returned from Jackson, Miss., where she has been visiting friends. The drama, East Lynne, was presented by Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis Jan 25th and 26th for the benefit of the orphans and old ladies home. She was assisted by local talent of the city.

Reception by the East End Lyceum.

Columbus, O., Special.

Miss Eva Bowels is teaching school at the Garfield building. R. Goode and Miss Hattie Lincoln of New Orleans, has gone to Deleware. Robert Knapper purchased the Dean House. Grand production of the dairy maids festival and beautiful cantata under the auspices of Queen of Sheba Court to be given at the city hall Monday evening. The East End Lyceum gave an evening reception to friends Friday at Johnson Hall. Among the many present were Mr. and Mrs. James McMahon, Miss Woodward, Mitchell, Jones, Burgers and Wilson of Huntington West Va., Permin Cousin, Herbert Nickens, A. U. G. Goodman Anderson, Kelley Hughes, Gillmore A. and J. Freeman, Bell and Doc Patterson, F. Smith, D. Stewart, N. Cooly, J. Beason, G. Hughes, E. Smith, J. Burgers, C. Ewing, N. Nickens, G. Turner, I. Hedgepath, S. Wiggins, J. Swan, and H. H. Smith.

Successful Baptist Revival.

From Shelbyville, (Ind.) Democrat.

Rev. W. Patterson, the Indianapolis Evangelist, delivered an able discourse at the Second Baptist church one night last week. At the conclusion of the sermon, an earnest appeal to sinners, who were without Christ, was made, and some twelve or fifteen went to the altar for prayer, nine of whom received a blessing and united with the church, making a total of twenty-three accessions to the church during the present series of meetings. Just as the benediction was about to be pronounced, a delegation, headed by Warren Good, marched in loaded down with good things to eat, as a surprise to Rev. Gray, the pastor of the church. To say that the Reverend gentleman was surprised only half tells it, as it required several minutes for him to respond to the generous donors, which he finally accomplished in a very neat manner.

Has Accepted our Agency.

Berkley, Va., Special.

To all lovers of the Afro-American in the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth and the town of Barkley, we are pleased to inform you that we have accepted the agency for staunch and able newspaper, The Freeman, which has done so much to advance the cause of our people and shall hereafter act as its correspondent for this section and we will also make a thorough canvass for subscribers to this journal, and as it is the foremost colored paper in the country. No one need fear as to being interested by its news, so look for us as we are going to give you a call, Yours for the race,

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THE REPUBLICAN STANDARD

BEARER IN THE LATE CAMPAIGN —PRESIDENT-ELECT M'KINLEY

Has Never Forsaken Southern Republicans—His Speeches on "Honest Elections," "Crimes Against the Ballot," Etc.

"The Republican standard bearer in the late campaign, and Republican leaders, have been coquetting with the South for a number of years, and regardless of the fact that these states were practicing wholesale nullifications of the ballot, and were stealing from the Republicans scores of congressional districts and whole states where the majority of these Republicans happened to be black, questions relating to the constitutional rights of the Negro so far as his rights of franchise is concerned, have been wholly eliminated from political discussion, both upon the stump and in the press.—Rev. R. C. Ransom in The Indianapolis Freeman.

This is certainly wrong as far as it has relation to the "Republican standard bearer in the late campaign." And we fail to see what the writer hopes to gain by so flagrant a misstatement. There are few readers of our papers in the country who have not noted, and carefully too, Major McKinley's record as given in our letter published weekly during the campaigns for nomination and election. Every one, nearly, is now cognizant of the fact that the president-elect from the beginning of his public career down to date has stood forth as a consistent and steadfast advocate of "Free and Fair Elections," "Equal Suffrage," "Civil and Political Equality to every citizen everywhere beneath the flag" and all that is best for the progress of all Americans regardless of class or color. Nearly 18 years ago in congress he plead for honest elections in no uncertain tone. For instance in a speech in the House of Representatives, April 18, 1879, he said:

"* * * If the constitution is to be ignored, if free and honest elections cannot be had everywhere throughout the country, free government is as effectively overthrown as though it had been done by the sword. * * The great body of voters in this country want the constitution preserved in full force, and want and will have, sooner or later, fair play at the elections both North and South. Repeating, ballot-box stuffing, the use of tissue ballots, fraud at the polls, intimidation and restraint of a free ballot in whatever form, must cease. The public sense abhors them all, and the party which practices such methods or quietly suffers them to be put in operation will be swept from power by the irresistible force of an honest and enlightened public sentiment. * * *"

In 1880, one of his very best speeches was on "Crimes Against the Ballot." Read this extract from it:

"* * * Is this system of disfranchisement to be further permitted? Is the Republican sentiment thus to be hushed in the South, and how long? Are the men who increase the representative power throughout these seats to have no representation? Are free thought and free political action to be crushed out in one section of our country? I answer NO, NO! but that the whole power of the federal government must be exhausted in securing to every citizen, black or white, rich or poor, everywhere within the limits of the Union, every right, civil and political, guaranteed by the constitution and the laws. Nothing short of this will satisfy the public conscience, public morals and public justice. * * *"

In 1885 on "Equal Suffrage," he said:

"Free and impartial suffrage in one section of the country is of little value if it be witheld, denied or suppressed in another section. An honest expression of the will of the people in Ohio is of no avail in a general election if in Georgia and Mississipi no such honest expression is attained. The equality of citizenship at all elections is the bedrock upon which onr institutions rest, the rock of national safety and safeguard of the future of the republic. The free enjoyment of the ballot to be cast for the party of our choice and for the principles in which we believe, and to have that ballot correctly counted and returned, is a right that should be cheerfully accorded to every citizen in every state of the Union, and if not so accorded by the local authorities, then it must be enforced by the general government exercising all its constitutional powers, and supported and sustained by a firm and enlightened public sentiment.

"Either these men (Afro-Americans) are entitled to vote and to enjoy all the priveleges of citizenship to the fullest extent or else the constitution and laws are a dead letter and the government powerless to protect its citizens in the exercise of their constitutional rights. They must have these rights or we must acknowledge that free government is a failure. It must not be equality and justice in the written law only, but equality and justice in the law's administration, alike afforded in every part of the republic, and literally secured to every citizen thereof. No palliation can be found for the wicked and willful suppression of the ballot, and unless it be checked it will sap the very foundations of the republic and destroy the only nation approximating self-government. This question, my fellow citizens, is at the foundation; it underlies all other political problems. Nothing can be permanently settled until the right of every citizen to participate equally in our state and national affairs is unalterably fixed. Tariff, finance, civil service and all other political and party questions should remain open and unsettled until every citizen who has a constitutional right to share in their determination is free to enjoy it."

Again in 1889, Major McKinley said:

"In must not be equality and justice in the written law only. It must be equality and justice in the law's administration everywhere and alike administered in every part of the republic to every citizen thereof. It must not be the mere cold formality of constitutional enactment. It must be a living birthright, which the poorest and the humblest may enjoy and which the richest and most powerful dare not deny. Our black allies must neither be deserted nor forsaken, and every right secured them by the constitution must be as surely given to them as though God had put upon their faces the color of the Anglo-Saxon race. They fought for the flag in the war, and that flag, with all it represents and stands for, must secure them every constitutional right in peace.

In a speech on "The Federal Elections Bill" in the House of Representatives in 1890, the President-elect said:

"Let me quote from him (President Grant) another utterance made two years before his death. Speaking of this very question of the suffrage, he said it would "never be settled until every man who counts, or represents those who do count, shall cast one ballot and have that ballot counted precisely as he cast it." Now, I want to say here to-day, for I have but a few moments, that this question will not rest until justice is done; and the consciences of the American people will not be permitted to slumber until this great constitutional right—the equality of suffrage, the equality of opportunity, freedom of political action and political thought—shall be not the mere cold formalities of constitutional enactment as now, but a living birthright which the poorest and humblest citizen, white or black, native-born or naturalized, may confidently enjoy, and which the richest and most powerful dare not deny. Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House: Remember that God puts no nation in supreme place which will not do supreme duty. God keeps no nation in supreme place which will not perform the supreme duty of the hour, and He will not longer prosper that nation which will not protect and defend its weakest citizens. It is our supreme duty to enforce the constitution and the laws of the United States and "dare to be strong for the weak."

In a speech opening his campaign for governor, Aug. 23, 1891, at Niles, O., he said:

"Much as the Republican party has done, it has force in the future as it has been a mighty force in the past. Its glories will continue to blaze on the heights, a beacon to the world, pointing to a highest destiny for mankind and the upholding and uplifting of a nation approved of God. It will not pause in its march and achievements until the flag of stars, shall be the unquestioned symbol of sovereignty at home and of America rights abroad; until American labor shall be securely shielded from the degrading competition of the old world, and our entire citizenship from the vicious and criminal classes who are crowding our shores; never while the advocates of a debased dollar threaten the country with its financial heresies; and never until the free right to vote in every corner of the country shall be protected under the law and by the law and for the law; never until the American ballot box shall be held as sacred as the American home."

What stronger refutation of Rev. Ransom's charge can anyone wish than is given above? Could stronger or better testimony be given? We think not. From 1891 to date, whenever President-elect McKinley has had occasion to address the people, we do not remember a single occasion that he did not take advantage of to do just what it is claimed he has not done. For more than a half dozen years Rev. Ransom has lived in Ohio, spending the last three years, up to a few months ago, here in Cleveland, and must have known the facts presented and others. This only serves to make it more difficult to understand his motives for making such a wholly unfounded charge as far as Major McKinley is concerned. The President-elect's magnificent stand against lynching—his splendid message to the general assembly of the state and his effectual stamping out of all forms of mob violence in Ohio, with the assistance of our National Guard—while governor, is still fresh in the minds of all our people the country over. In his speech of Aug. 18, '96 (during the campaign,) heralded all over the land, occurred the following paragraphs, and others equally as forcible:

"James G. Blaine once said that the first instinct of an American was equality—equality of privilege, equality in politiical power.' That sentiment long ago found expression in the constitution of the United States: and the people of this country placed in that great instrument, where it had never been before and where under God it shall ever remain, civil and political equality to every citizen everywhere beneath the flag. (Applause.)

"I congratulate you, gentlemen, upon the splendid progress that your race has made since emancipation. You have done better, you have advanced more rapidly than it was believed possible at that time; you have improved greatly the educational advantages which you have had. Your people everywhere North and South are accumulating property and to-day you stand as among the most conservative of the citizens of this great republic. (Applause) I congratulate you from the bottom of my heart upon the advancement you have already made, and I sincerely wish for you and your race, fellow citizens of a common country, the highest realization of your hopes and your prayers."

The paragraphs given are surely of sufficient force and are numerous enough to show beyond the shadow of a doubt that the charge brought by The Freemam's writer (Ransom) is wholly without foundation in fact, so far as it has relation to the president-elect. There is, too, a vast amount of matter in addition to that already given we could present at almost a moment's notice. It will not be necessary, however, as that given above is sufficient, we think. What anyone hopes to gain for himself or the race by such careless, untrue and hurtful statements, is something possibly the writer, Rev. Ransom, can explain.

H. C. SMITH,
Ed. Cleveland Gazette.

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ASPIRANTS FOR RECOGNITION

Under the McKinley Administration—Editor H. C. Smith a Candidate—Trouble Brewing at St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Aspirants for recognition under the administration of President elect McKinley are thick in all parts of the country and especially in Ohio save in our own little hamlet where the possibilities of recognition are the greatest. Cleveland to our knowledge has two candidates for Recorder of Deeds who are almost at swords points with each other; each clamoring for the ear of M. A. Hanna. Greene county, the garden spot of intellect of the state, has a candidate for consulship to San Domingo in the person of C. L. Maxwell, Esq, an applicant for the Hatian Mission in the person of Prof. Scarborough, and Bishop Arnett will press his claims for the appointment of his son, Henry, who has recently loomed into prominence as one of the colored leaders of Ohio, for a prominent place under the administration. Besides these there are others. But here in Cincinnati, the home of Senator Foraker, none of citizens are asking for national recognition. Hons. W. H. Parham and George H. Jackson, both the equal of any candidates mentioned, and the superior of many might "shy their custor" with as much possibility of landing as any whose names we see mentioned. Both of these gentlemen could get the hearty endorsement of Senator Foraker, and that means much. Much has been said recently concerning the candidacy of Editor H. C. Smith, and connecting him with certain alleged expressions purported to have been made by him at an entertainment given last winter by the citizens of Columbus, in honor of three members of the legislature, Mr. Parham, Smith and Stewart.

Mr. Parham, who was present and followed Mr. Smith in a speech on "Patriotism" has said that there was nothing in the editor's speech to warrant the attacks made by Larph in the Colored American, but the fact that his speech was so different in sentiment from that of Smiths caused much comment and unnecessary criticism. All who know Mr. Smith must acknowledge him a bold and fearless speaker and writer, and as he was about that time advocating the passage of his Anti-Lynch Bill, had come in contact with much opposition to this measure. The results of race prejudice etc., we can readily understand his feelings which caused him to use language which he would have ommitted had he the opportunity to speak again. Mr. Smith has been looked for in this city for some weeks. He to, will come to get the ears of Senator Foraker.

Trouble has been brewing for some time at St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission, however, the several outbursts have been kept within the confines of the congregation, but the recent outburst is of such enormity that it has reached the ears and tongues of the public. The trouble is between the officers and rector. Rev. McGuire has been in charge of the Mission something over a year. Dr. Elbert of Indianapolis, Ind., spent a few days in the city the guest of Rev. Townsend. The doctor delivered a very scholarly discourse at Allen Temple last Sabbath morning. Miss Susie Barnett who has been ill for some time is out again.

A Successful Revival.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

The revival meeting at the A. M. E. church has closed. Rev. Lewis Pettiford has gone to Marion to help Rev. T. E. Wilson in his meeting. Mrs. George Hodge was called to Kokomo. Sunday was missionary day at the A. M. E. church. The Sunday school was very entertaining. Papers were read before the school by Miss Mable Parker and Miss Lotie King. Mrs. Sol Rang of Ft. Wayne, is in the city stopping with her sister, Mrs. Kate Turner. Edgar Winslow has been very sick. Leo Winslow was thrown from a bob sled and hurt. The Freeman is on sale at the Palace barber shop, 222 Market street. Joe Malone the barber at the Murdock Hotel, has moved into the old stand.

Gone to Her Reward.

Louisville, Ky., Special

On last Saturday Miss Jessie Clinton departed this life. In the death of Miss Clinton Louisville loses one of her most esteemed young ladies. She enjoyed the proud destinction of being a graduate and a member of the Louisville, high school alumni. In 1896, after diligent study, she made a four year's certificate in the state examination. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her demise, and who extend to her mother and sister their earnest sympathy. Her funeral took place last Monday at Fifth Street church, Revs. J. H. Frank and C. C. Bates conducted the ceremonies. Mr. Nunn, the dethroned janitor of the Western school, has been restored. This gives satisfaction to himself and friends. Now it is the other fellow's crying time. Whist is rapidly becoming a fad with the young people. It is hoped something may come in and take the place of the long worshipful social god, "the dance." While whist is not just what the church goers would have them do, yet it is something better than the dance. Mrs. W. J. Sylkman, who has been very sick at her residence, is reported better at this writing.

Personal Mention.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Miss Fannie Hamilton is on the sick list, but is convalescing now. Miss Lizzie Slaughter is getting along nicely in her millinary lessons. Miss Sarah C. Hamilton has been very sick but is convalescing. Mme. Sisseretta Jones, the "black patti," was here this week playing at Harlin Theatre with her troubadour company. Rev. Dr. Ransom, minister of Bethel A. M. E. church is doing all he can for the benefit of the poor, destituted colored people in this city. The Columbia Club celebrated Lincoln's birthday February 12th at the Ninth Battalion. Among the following is the program: Oration, "Lincoln," Hon. Hale G. Parker; solo, Miss Lola Johnson; solo George H. Henderson: violin solo, Miss Gertia Palmer; solo, Miss Edna Alexander; accompanist, Miss Gertie Jackson. Dance after the concert, music by the Greenhill string band.

Stockholders to Meet.

Concord, N. C., Special.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Coleman Cotton Mill at Concord, N. C., February 22, 1897, to elect officers and secure a charter from the legislature while in session. Every stockholder is requested to be present. Friends are also invited. Reduced rates have been asked for on every road.

A Successful Farmer.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Miss Ellen Mitchell is teaching at the Turner High school. Prof. T. T. Ransom opened a night school. This makes school No. 7 among the colored people. Lee Trail is one of the most successful farmers of our county. He has something to sell the year round. He has a comfortable home, an interesting family and a bank account. Trail is solving the race problem. Mrs. Mary Anderson and Miss Stubbs are doing well in their dress making establishment. These ladies are full of self-reliance and are bound to succeed. Mrs. Laura Ransom is preparing the music for the closing of Prof. P. W. Patterson's school. Rev. T. J. Story of Murfreesboro attended the ministers and deacons meeting last week. Thomas Myers of Chattanooga visited his family last week. The crown soiree at the A. M. E. church was a financial success. The three clubs, Faithful, True and Earnest, are working hard to wipe out the debts of the Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Richmond still holds his own as a popular preacher. All the churches are doing well.

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Officers Elected.

Honea Path, S. C., Special.

Rev. S. Lewis preached an intertsting sermon at Sweet Home last Sunday. Gabriel Datcher is out again. W. A. Lindsay, our leading artist, has made an excellent portrait of Gen. Maceo. Miss Hagar Armstrong is indisposed. Deacon R. Watkins will present the choir of Cedar Grove Baptist church with chairs. J. P. Benson, our noted physician, with his band of preficient singers, is making sweet music here. Miss Janie B. Foster, an accomplished young lady of Welford, who has been visiting the family of her uncle, R. J. Golightly, has returned home. Owing to the inclemncy of the weather, Rev. J. A. Watson did not preach at Cedar Grove last Sunday. Rev. S. Oliver, the "old war horse," is still the attraction at Liberty Baptist church. The following Sunday school officers were elected: B. F. Benson, superintendent; B. F. Lewis and Mrs. Mattie Benson, teachers; R. C. Clemons secretary; J. P. Benson, chorister; Mrs. Marie Benson, treasurer. Mrs. B. F. Lewis is a noted essayist. She is to be commended for originality. Calvin Armstrong has been appointed agent for The Freeman. Buy a copy and learn what the up-to-date Negroes are doing. Mack Hutchin has built a new apartment to his house. Little Amanda Lewis promises to be an excellent musician. Mrs. Essie Armstrong is out again after a few days illness.

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Goggin & Davis are still with Black Patti Troubadours.

"Darkest America" turned people away at Bradford, Pa., Feb. 8.

Still doing big business in the South—Richards & Pringle's Minstrels.

Eaton & Weathers were at Austin & Stone's museum, Boston, last week.

Isham's Octoroons played to excellent business in Cincinnati, last week.

Blind Boone Concert company are still in Texas, playing to good business.

Hyer's Colored Comedy company are playing one-night stands through Illinois.

Black Patti Troubadours tested the capacity of Alhambra Theatre, Chicago, Feb. 1.

South Sea Island Joe and wife, were at Heck & Avery's museum, Cincinnati last week.

The Nashville Students played the Charleston, Mo., Opera House Jan. 23d to S. R. O.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers appeared before a fair audience at Fremont, Neb., Jan. 28.

Sam T. Jack's Creoles are in Providence, R. I., playing to excellent business, this week.

Isham's Oriental America played a return engagement at Syracuse, N. Y., last week to fine business.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra are booked to appear at Freeland, Pa., Feb. 15-16.

Isham's Octoroons, No. 2, appeared to excellent houses during their engagement in Philadelphia, Pa.

"Brush by, Nigger, Brush By," is the title of the latest song published by the National Music Co., Chicago.

Billy Farrell is preparing a new opening and dance for his act, which he is effectively presenting with Sheridan & Flynn's Big Sensation company.

Al Anderson, of the team of Al and Mamie Anderson, was called from Chicago, Ill., to Fall River, Mass., on account of the death of his brother. Jan. 28.

George Tolliver who appeared as an Arab sheik in "Straight from the Heart" at the Academy of Music, New York City, fell from his horse in the third act Jan. 27 and broke his collar bone.

Hodges & Launchemere have ended their engagement with Oppenheimer's "Zero," and are filling an indefinite engagement at Hammerstein's Olympia, New York City, where they opened Jan. 28.

The Black Patti Troubadours are finishing a two weeks' engagement in Chicago this week, after which they will turn Eastward, playing return engagements in all the houses where they appeared during the early part of the season. Their success in the Northwest was phenomenal.

York Anderson, formerly of the Eclipse Quartette, died at his home at Fall River, Mass., Jan. 28. The funeral services were held 31, which were largely attended. Floral tributes completely covered the casket. The decease who was thirty-one years of age, was a brother of Al Anderson, He leaves a widow.

The Statis Concert Company headed by the Queen of Emotion Mme. Kate A. Patterson assisted by Prof. Geo. A. Morris, Mrs. Blanche A. Morris and Wm. Franklin Patterson, are meeting with much success in the East. Mme. Patterson reads with an artistic appreciation of the dramatic situations and exquisite refinement of interpretation.

We are in receipt of a communication from F. J. Loudin, manager Fisk Jubilee Singers, chronicling the death of Miss Pattie J. Malone, given in substance as follows:

The season of '96 and '97 has been in many respects one of the most remarkable in the history of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. During all the years which have passed since the organization in 1871, we have never missed but one appointment in any part of the world till this season, nor have we ever had to flee from a hotel on account of fire till the present year. However all these experiences have been crowded into the past three months, and now comes the saddest event of our long history.

Never has any of our number died while in actual service until this season, when Miss Patti J. Malone passed away in St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, Neb., Jan. 20. Miss Malone joined the organization while we were singing in Europe. She had a very rich mezzo soprano voice full of the most tender pathos and sympathy. She was not one who shone as a soloist, but in that much more important part of our work—the choruses—did her voice do its most telling and effective work. For trueness of intonation, exactness of pitch and quickness of ear, we never had her superior. At each concert, sick or well, she always did the very best work she was capable of doing. It mattered not to her whether she was out of temper or not, she gave to those who came to listen all the pleasure her rich voice was capable of imparting. She was most devoted and self-sacrificing to those who were fortunate to be numbered among her friends.

It has always been held as a part of our mission from the very organization of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, that each one be a living example of the higher capabilities of that race, not as singers only, but as the true type of the higher man and womanhood both as to high morals and sterling character, and thus soften the prejudices of those with whom we come in contact. In this part of our mission she was invaluable, never losing sight of the fact that she was rendering a great service to the race by her lady-like deportment in public or private. She made the tour around the world with the singers covering over a period of six years and a half, but was compelled, on account of poor health in Australia, to take a six month's leave, and returned to America. She had not been in robust health for many years, and when we reached Omaha, she consulted a physician who pronounced her trouble of such a nature as to make an operation an imperative necessity. We stayed one week in Omaha, and on the 13th, the day we left, she went to the hospital. When first informed of her condition she was much agitated and spent the day in earnest prayer, resulting in perfect resignation, and she talked far more cherfully about the operation, She wrote a letter to my wife, a part of which is as follows:

"DEAR MRS. LOUDIN:—Don't forget me at the mercy seat, especially tomorrow forenoon, and indeed all day. If my strength is equal to my spirits, I shall rally alright, for my trust is in God, and him alone. PATTI."

Her remains were sent to Athens, Ala., for interment, where she had built one of the finest houses in the town where her aged mother for whom she had for years exercised the most tender care, still lives. An only sister also survives her. It is safe to say that no woman of her race ever sang in so many different countries of the world as Miss Pattie J. Malone, or whose loss will be more deeply felt by all who knew her.

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Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett, 121-23rd Street.

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B. Square's Bluster

Long before this article finds its way in print, I will be, barring all accidents, unforeseen events or circumstances I cannot curb, on my way Southward towards Hattiesburg, Miss., where the I. S. D. C. is holding its first triennal national business meeting. It has been upwards of fifteen years since I visited the land of my fathers and the home of my early manhood. I have never been further South than North Carolina; in view of this fact I expect the visit to Hattiesburg will be not only a successful business one, but a visit of pleasure and instruction. I expect to take an up-to-date snap-shot camera along with me and return with a good supply of pictures taken along the road from Baltimore, Md., to Hattiesburg, Miss. In the near future I expect to publish the same in a prospective high class Negro magazine.

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With all its many faults and imperfections, the Southland is the only place in the United States where the ambitious, thrifty, go-a-head Negro can successfully make his mark. He can in the South push himself to the front in business, trades, professions—in fact in everything except politics. If he says nothing politically, but saws wood as a doctor, lawyer, tradesman, school teacher, minister, farmer, merchant or business man, he can live in almost any part of the South in peace and enjoy, to a degree, the greater part of the blessings of life.

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I will at once forestall the great Negro statesman residing in the North who rises to "protest against the cowardly surrender of our constitutional rights as American citizens," by saying that it is not cowardly to be diplomatic or stoop to conquer. It requires bravery to make a sacrifice of "constitutional rights" for the present at least, in order to enjoy in peace more of the every day blessings of life. It is all very well for "great" Negro political leaders in the North to write red-hot articles about the political situation down South, or to fire hot shot at long range at the Southern whites who are successfully holding the political fort, no matter how they got possession of the same. These "If-I-went-down-there" great penmen and tonguemen would do no more (and perhaps not as much) to better the present political state of affairs than the bright intelligent far-seeing leading Negro in the South is doing. Many of these long range sharp-shooters left the South a few years ago between two days when the battle for the "constitutional rights" of their fellow-black citizens got too hot for them.

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There are logical, scientific and historical reasons why the minority and not the majority at present hold the tiller of the ship of state in the South. They are too lengthy to be treated in an article like this. There are also logical, scientific and historical reasons for the firm belief that the present unjust and un-American political condition will not always exist in the Southland. Time is a great changer of the political kaleidoscope. What great changes it has made in the past forty years! What changes will it make in the near future?

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Forty years ago in 1856 the Negroes in the South were not citizens, much less office-holders. They were, according to the laws of the land, "goods and chattel," they had no rights before the law and were bought and sold like any other commodity. Ten years later in 1866, they were free men with all or most of the political blessings of American citizenship. Ten years later in 1876 they they were law-makers, both state and national, while many of the whites who had in the ante-bellum days ruled the land, had not yet regained the citizenship they had lost by rebellion. We find another political change in 1886; we find the black statesmen and voters forced to the rear with their "constitutional rights" almost wiped out and the white men of ante-bellum days once more in command of the government of the Southland. We find still another political change—one for the better. In 1896 we find the white men of the South divided upon the political questions of the day; we find in some Southern states the fear of what they were pleased to call "Negro Supremacy," gone; we find the "Solid South" broken, and two or three ex-slaves states (with the aid of the colored vote) for the first time voted for a Republican president. In 1906 I would not be surprised to see (if I am living at that date) the Negro in the South again enjoying all the political rights of American citizenship. "Politics make strange bed fellows."

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In New York State a few years ago, the Democrats carried everything "fore and aft." They re-districted the state and fixed everything in a way that a certain New York City Democratic newspaper concluded to give them the control of the state government for twenty-five or fifty years. They had hardly got things "fixed" before the voters saw their mistake and put the Republicans on guard. To-day the same newspaper says that "New York State is hopelessly and beyond redemption Republican." A few years ago Kansas was a banner Republican state; to-day it is almost hopelessly Popocratic; again New Jersey, until a few years ago, was Democratic beyond redemption; to-day it is in the vanguard of the Republican ranks. In the next ten years, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina and the states of the Southland may be in the Republican ranks. You cannot guess the outcome of American political changes in a few years. In the mean time it will pay the Negro statesman and voter in the South to say nothing politically but to saw all the financial wood he can beg, borrow and buy; to enter the fields of business and race enterprise and to lay up all of this world's treasures he can honestly get his hands upon.

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Speaking of the national business meeting of the "Invincible Sons and Daughters of Commerce," let me say that it bids fair to do more for the betterment of the race than the "Afro-American League" and all the other attempts to better the condition of the race started since Lincoln's proclamation. There is a secret about the matter and I will give it away to the readers of The Freeman, but don't you give it away. Next to our religious devotions, our love for churches, comes our love for secret societies and orders. The I. S. D. C. is a secret order with signs and grips.

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As early as 1868, I see by looking over the files of the Anglo-African, a national newspaper of that day, published in New York City, a national convention of Negroes was held, having as its object the betterment of the race. Since that date Negro national conventions have been many, while the results therefrom have been few. The cause of such small returns is that said conventions have been started and conducted from start to finish by the "big" men of the race — self-appointed leaders, who were not in sympathy with the masses or could not gain the confidence of the common people. In the language of an extinguished Western statesman (?) it was the "classes against the masses." The best outlined attempt of the classes to do something for the masses was the formation of the Afro-American League which for years has been seemingly "sleeping the sleep of the just." Will its founder kindly inform us through the columns of his newspaper if the League is dead and—well blessed, or simply a sleeping lion, who will in the near future arouse and with a loud roar, devour all the ills and wrongs the Afro-American is an heir to?

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In my journey Southwards towards Hattiesburg, Miss., I do not expect to be ejected from any first-class (?) cars. I do not intend to travel with a brass band or to wear the badge of any greatness upon the lappel of my coat; neither do I intend to send a small boy ahead with hand bills announcing my coming. In fact, I intend to travel incog, sending my carpet-bag and high hat ahead by Adams Express, and quietly smoking my corn-cob pipe in the smoking car, dressed as a respectable colored working man, and move Southward, ever Southward. I do not intend to intrude my august self upon Georgia or Alabama "crakers," who I know are inferior to me. I am not going in any way to emulate the doings of a distinguished Negro resident of Greater New York, who returned South a few years ago as I am not going South looking for blood, but business. I know the great Northern Negro statesman will say that it will be a cowardly surrender of rights. My reply is, whose going to make this excursion you or I? When I stop over in a half-horse town, I am not going to the hotel (?) and demand a room with an ante-deluvian bed full of bed bugs. I am going quietly to the humble cot of some old "uncle" or "aunt," pay for a night's lodging, jump into a two-story feather bed and sleep the sleep of the just. "Au revoir, but not good-bye."

B. SQUARE.

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Prof. H. M. Cox, A. M., is principal of our school here, and one of the ablest men in the county. W. Bates has a fine farm and is doing well. Prof. Wills, A. B., is a wide-a-wake young man and also owns a fine farm. Prof. Grisall is equal to any. For educational timber Frestone county stands head and shoulders with any in Texas. Prof. C. Tull is doing well. Our teachers are buying homes. Miss Ara Phillips is assistant teacher. W. L. Dennis of Rice is spending the winter with his sister, Mrs. Eugenia Coffee. The death of Prof. E. L. Livingstone, a bright young man, occurred last week, also Bro. E. L. Caryham. Gipson's A. M. E. Chapel, Friendship and Grove Island churches are spiritually alive. Rev. M. J. Jackson of the Primitive church leads his host with a watchful eye, also Rev. L. McBay of the Missionary Baptist church. There have been ten marriages since Christmas. Long live the editor of The Freeman, and may its editor go to Washington as Recorder of Deeds.

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AFTER UNCLE NOAH BAXTER

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Will the Negro Ever Make a Successful Politician? McKinley's Brave Act—Too Much Should not be Expected by Office Seekers.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

As there seems to be some doubt as to whether Noah Baxter's autobiography is authentic, we have assumed the role of critic and will ask permission to speak through the columns of the "great weekly." There are a great many persons whose sayings and works have benefitted humanity whose identity is in doubt. Who wrote Homer? Who wrote Shakespear's plays? Where was Virgil born? Are sometimes mooted questions. Where was Eden. Can the spot be identified? Æsop's identity is a question, or at least whether he wrote all that is alleged to have been written by him. Doubt the ever present incentive to inquiry or progress has played for much in shaping the present condition of the Negro.

Whether these persons or places can be identified or not, their influence exist and it is existence with which we have to deal, real or imaginary. That the condition described by Noah Baxter prevails, is admitted by a great many, whether in the persons he mentions remains to be proven. An accusation or allegation is not equivelant to a conviction; also the creditability of the accuser is sometimes questioned. There is a semblance of truth in what Noah Baxter says, hence it becomes the duty of the accused to prove themselves innocent of the allegation. However great their work may be if the minds of the readers are led to believe that it proceeds from impure motives, their articles will not be read with the same relish as before Their testimony in each individual case is not sufficient.

Since reading B. Square's last article we have changed our mind and now we doubt the personal identity of Noah Baxter, and believe it to be a concerted action 'ruse' of you smart men to give us Noah Baxters of the South a set back. Be that as it may there are some things about which there is no doubt. There is a doubt as to who first saw the continent of America, but there is no doubt as to the existence of the United States, and there is no doubt as to the greatness of being full-fledged citizens of the United States, but there is some doubt as to the success of the Negro as a politician. Temporary achievements are not success. The Negro as a political factor is a back number. Where his number is greatest there he is weakest. Ours is a representative government, as such we should have one-tenth of the officials—not by race though you say. If the Negro had influence in the various states where he lives sufficient to effect representation in Congress he would be in a position to demand more. How to make Southern representatives and senators feel the power of his vote, is the problem to be solved by the Negro politician. McKinley can't solve it for him only by a Cabinet portfolio. But again there is no doubt that the mutual admiration writers to The Freeman are great men and leaders of their race. We believe Noah did them an injustice. There is no doubt that The Freeman stands in the front rank of race journals and that its manager, the Hon. G. L. Knox has claims on the Republican party that President McKinley should recognize.

There is no doubt that McKinley is a great man, for a man who would cancel an engagement before a Louisiana audience, the h—— of the South, to protect a Negro in the face of a mob, is a great man and will reward his friends. There is no doubt as to the greatness of Booker T. Washington, he is not too great for a Cabinet portfolio of this great government; neither would his influence for good be weakened by such an elevated position, but it would give the race a prestige throughout the civilized world that a majority of this country is not prepared to meet. Neither do we think it prudent in our wisemen to embarass their friend, the President by demanding a place in his Cabinet. We must remember that self-preservation is the first law of nature. It is not beyond the realms of possibility for McKinley to remain at the White House as long as his predecessor.

J. D. WALKER,

Arkadelphia, Ark.

Sheffield Notelets.

Sheffield, Ala., Special.

Rev. J. T. Allen, the pastor of the A. M. E. church is doing a good work. Eld. Goodman held his quarterly meeting 31st inst. The duty of church members were clearly set forth. The Christian Endeavor society was organized on the 10th, by Prof. B. J. Sterling. Mr. Sterling has graded the school. Miss Hannah Gray is doing good work, teaching South Florence school. Mrs. Harrison Story died 22nd ult. Mr. Shorty an old citizen of this place died on the 22nd ult. We will have electric lights soon.

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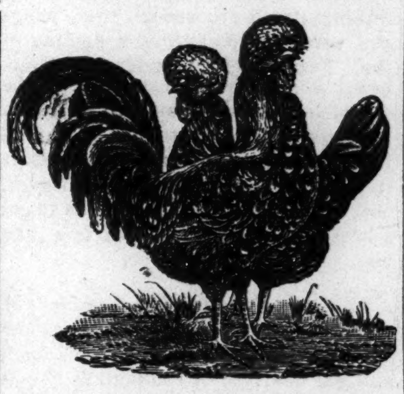

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CORRECTION:—Mrs. McClure desires us to state that she is not in partnership with Miss Ada Modoc or no one else.

One of the special numbers on the program will be a duet by Misses Katie Clay and Ethel Nance at the Ninth Presbyterian church Feb. 15.

Mr. Ervin Matthews, formerly with L. S. Ayres & Co., has assumed charge of the Dress Goods department of the Wm. H. Block Co., Dry Goods Emporium. For several years he has been in business in Evansville and Chicago, and his many friends will be glad to again welcome him in our midst.

Mrs. Chas. Harper, who has a standing welcome before any and all audiences, and who still maintains the first place among the contralto soloists, will appear in the "Effort" at the Ninth Presbyterian Feb. 15.

Damon and Pythias will be presented by Montgomery Lodge No. 6, home talent at Second Baptist church Wednesday evening, Feb. 17. It will be the finest production ever given by colored Knights of Pythias in the United States. It will be presented at all the leading churches in this city. General admission 15c; reserved seats 25c. For further information, call on Dr. S. A. Furniss, Gen'l Manager.

The "Fourth Annual Effort" of the Herculean Club at the Ninth Presbyterian church, Feb. 15, will be the greatest events of the season.

The funeral of Miss Ida Smith, of 65 Agnes street, who died of tuberculosis, was held from Second Baptist church last Monday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Carr officiating. The deceased was a prominent member of the church, being a member of the choir and also secretary of the Sunday school. Flanner and Buchannan, the popular undertakers, had charge of the funeral.

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Mrs. Lynch is entertaining friends from New York.

Mrs. Mattie Jordan of Connersville, has located in the city.

Wilbur Elliott is the guest of relatives and friends in Lima. O.

Mrs. Will Keelum of Knightstown is a guest of Mrs. G. L. Knox.

Mrs. Woodard Stewart of Noblesville spent Monday in the city on business.

Mrs. A. L. Burley, 235 West Michigan street, entertained the Ladies' Circle last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Sadie Hill and son Joseph of Connersville, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Robinson, 248 Fayette street.

Jas. Adkins of Elderdale, O., and Mrs. Rebecca Roberts were married on the 6th at 291 W. North street, Dr. Carr officiating.

William Bradley and Miss Lizzie Boon were united in marriage Wednesday night, Rev. Wakefield officiating.

Mrs. Irene Posey, Mrs. Birdie Young and Mrs. Thomas each entertained Corinthian church clubs at their homes this week.

Jas. M. Collins of Anderson, who sways the scepter over the "Basso bench" of that city, will be one of the participants in the "Herculean Effort" at the Ninth Presbyterian Feb. 15.

The "Herculean Usher Board" will take special pains to furnish the best of accommodations to all who attend the "Effort."

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

The much mooted school question is attracting wide-spread attention with teacher, parent, pupil, and citizen.

"Education is the knowledge of how to use the whole of one's self. Men are often like knives with many blades; they know how to open one and one only; all the rest of mankind are buried in the handle, and they are no better than if they had been made with but one blade. Many men use but one or two faculties out of the score with which they are endowed. A man is educated when he knows how to make a tool of every faculty—how to open it, how to keep it sharp, and how to apply it to all practical purposes."

Cautiously concealing myself — not from the public—but from those big fellows who are using all the cunning of the artful fox to find out who "Old Swampy" is, I drooped my tired wings and perched up under the awning of the "Two Johns" yesterday. I overheard a number of arguments on the school and race question. One big man who was educated in the far North said he was instructed by the best professors in those icy regions, and had certificates, etc., but—"You came to Indiana to get a job in our schools," chimed in a little man.

"No, not exactly that," replied he from the icy regions, "my wife teaches in —— —; but as I am a colored man, and was deprived of comingling in colored society in my youth, I vowed to make amends by educating my little ones in colored or mixed schools, where they may come in contact with the race issues and learn of our leaders. This school question is worthy of serious consideration."

I hurriedly left, ere the conversation ended, but watch this column next week.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Elder Blackshear preached last Sunday morning on the "Unclean and Clean Heart," which was listened to with much earnestness. The sermon was illustrated by a drawing, sketched by the pastor, and each issue of the heart was placed in full view, and logically discussed. At the evening service he preached on the "Five Senses of Man," which was well received, after which communion was taken. There was one addition to the church.

Sabbath school is being well attended. Mrs. Laura Montague of the Marion County Baptist S. S. Union addressed the school last Sunday.

Rev. King will give an illustrative view lecture and musical Tuesday night

On the sick list: Mrs. Phyllis Beck and Allen Stewart.

A musical concert will be given in the church the 23.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Unusual interest is manifested in the 5 o'clock prayer meeting.

Number in attendance at Sunday school 150. Collection $2.48.

There were 504 members in attendance at communion Sunday.

The Orinico Circle was entertained at the residence of Mrs. Sim Ford in Blake street last Thursday.

Mr. Brewer of Hiawatha street is still indisposed.

The funeral of David Winn occurred at this church last Monday, Rev. Carr officiating.

Rev. Carr will shortly leave for Lexington, Ky., and Chattanooga, Tenn., to conduct revival services.

Collection $81.25.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Rev. Lawton will preach a sermon to the colored members of the graduating class of the High school Sunday evening. The colored members of the graduating class of last summer are invited to be present. The discourse will be profitable to all classes of workmen, especially the business and professional men. Public invited.

There will be a luncheon served by the Queen Esther Circle of this church at the home of Mrs. M. T. Tasch, 282 Spring street next Thursday from 2 to 4 p. m.

GARFIELD CHURCH NOTES.

We began a series of revival meetings last week, which indicate success.

Services were well attended Sunday. Rev. Byrd was with us in the afternoon and assisted the pastor in administering the Lord's Supper.

Preaching at 7:30 by the pastor, subject, "What is my Reward."

The young people are taking quite an interest in the Sunday school.

JONES' TABERNACLE NOTES.

Last Friday afternoon the funeral of Charley Blakemore was preached by the pastor.

Services last Sunday morning were well attended. In the afternoon a laage number of the members with the pastor attended quarterly meeting at Allen Chapel.

Miss M. E. Taylor preached to large congregations Sunday, morning and evening. The church would not hold the people last Monday night. Her subject next Sunday morning will be the "Hole in the Wall." Sixty-one members have been added. Miss Taylor asked for a collection Monday night for gas bills and the people gave $23.18.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Last Sunday after-noon 340 communed.

Eleven persons joined the church last Sunday morning and six Monday night.

Elder Wakefield preached an excellent sermon last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jane Hardrick stepmother of S. Hardrick died last Sunday and was buried Tuesday, Rev. Murray officiating, assisted by Rev. C. C. Townsend, P. E.

Rev. Murray spent last Wednesday in Greencastle.

Next Sunday is Allen's Day. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Emma Doke and Little Francis Myers are indisposed.

J. M. Benson of Allen Chapel, was appointed general superintendent of the Sunday schools of the Richmond District by Rev. Townsend, P. E.

BETHEL A. M. E. NOTES.

Rev. Dr. Tyree left for his home in Louisville last Saturday, after having spent two weeks assisting Rev. Graham in his revival services. Dr. Tyree made many friends, and proved himself to be an able preacher.

The revival services have continued with much interest during the week.

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